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The Unitarian Parish Held Annual Meeting And Elects Officials

The annual parish meeting of the Unitarian church was held on Monday evening, April 24 in the parlors of the church with a large attendance, and when called to order by the clerk, Carroll H. Miller was named as moderator.

Reports from officials and committees were presented of the year's work and the minister, Rev. Arthur Heeb, reviewed the activities of the church, Sunday school and social effort. It was voted that the church vacate its services from the second Sunday in August to the second Sunday in September. The church has been aggressive in its endeavors and has grown in membership during the past year. The following officials were chosen to serve for the ensuing year: Charles C. Stearns, clerk; Joseph Morgan, treasurer; Mrs. Oler Doolittle, auditor; Mrs. Annie Irish, collector; George N. Kidder, Mrs. Thomas Parker, Mrs. Henry Holton, Mrs. Joseph Morgan, Mrs. John V. McNeil, Carroll Miller and Corp. James Spaulding, church standing committee; Mrs. Thomas Parker, Mrs. Joseph Morgan and Mrs. Carroll Miller, every member canvass committee.

From The Elkintons

A son, David Passmore Elkinton was born Saturday, April 29 to David and Marian Dunham Elkinton of Moylan, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Elkinton were former residents of this town and served as members of the A. Y. H. staff here. They made many friends whom they think of quite often, during their stay of three years on the hostel staff. "They were the happiest years of our memory, and we hope some day to return to Northfield on a visit," they write to a friend.

TOWN TOPICS

Mr. and Mrs. Herman R. White of this town have purchased the Alexander property on the Hinsdale Road and will use the same for residence.

The total rainfall for the month of April was about normal and amounted to nearly four inches with two slight falls of snow.

On the advisory board of the Franklin County ODT organized in June 1943 having to do with motor transportation, A. Gordon Moody of the Northfield Hotel as a member, represents the interests of "private carriers".

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gray of Winchester Road are moving to their summer home in South Vernon.

Paul W. Bittner of Greenfield has been appointed by the Governor to succeed John Heselson, as controller of Civilian Defense in this district 2B, who resigned to enter the contest for Congress. Mr. Bittner was formerly a deputy controller.

Ignace Bilmon of East Street is at the Massachusetts General hospital in Boston for treatment and operation on an eye.

Mrs. Max Huber, Sr., continues quite ill at her home on Meadow Street and is being cared for by her daughter, Mrs. Grace Heald.

A special church committee has been named by the Congregational church to study the present pastoral situation and make suggestions later at a meeting of the members. The committee consists of Dr. Edward Fairbank, George McEwan, Dr. Richard Holton, Clifford Field, Mrs. W. B. Wells, Miss Ellen Bolton and Miss Arlene Finch.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Cembalisky of this town at the Franklin county hospital on Friday, April 28, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Austin C. Phelps and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cembalisky, all of Northfield.

The Szeszowski Home Is Destroyed By Fire Flying Embers Cause

Two brush fires along the railroad tracks shortly after noon on Monday, May 1st were fought by section men in West Northfield with the assistance of others from the farms nearby and the men of the local fire department who were called. The blaze burned fiercely as it communicated to pine trees and was observed by many of our citizens who had gathered along our Main street. As the fire became under control however, flying embers had landed on the roof of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Szeszowski and threatened the three large barns on the dairy farm. A special call went out for help and the whistle at the Seminary blew three blasts which summoned all available help from the Seminary grounds and Mount Hermon school. With the lack of an adequate water supply, the house burned fiercely, the flames shooting high in the air, but volunteers were getting out the furniture and others released the cattle to pasture. Both fire trucks of the local department were on hand and help was summoned from Greenfield. Fire Chief Johnson was in Greenfield but returned early in the afternoon to take charge. The men of the department had given a good account of themselves and a stream of water from a brook pumped by the portable engine was played on the edifice into the night hours. A strong wind from the north which had carried the embers, kept the flames away from the barns and they suffered no damage. Later the cattle were returned to their stalls. The loss of the house was completely covered only by a small amount of insurance. Such furniture as was saved was stored in one of the barns and the family were cared for during the night by kind friends. It was the most spectacular fire in this town for a long time and was witnessed by hundreds on this side of the river. The Szeszowski farm is located southwest of the westerly end of the Central Vermont railroad bridge on the high plateau of ground. During the course of this fire in the afternoon a call came for a grass fire at the Farms on the Pine Meadow road just beyond the Russell farm and near the railroad. Several firemen responded and put out the blaze.

Miller-Allen Wedding

Miss Mary E. Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Allen of Gill and Eugene L. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Miller of this town, were married Monday afternoon, May 1st in the South Vernon church with Rev. E. W. Blackstone, the pastor officiating in a double ring ceremony. Mrs. Ralph Gibson presided at the organ. The bride was attended by Miss Ethel Miller, sister of the groom as maid of honor and the bridesmaids were Miss Marion Allen and Miss Beth Hammond. Arnold Woodbury of Athol was best man and the ushers were Robert Allen and Kenneth Miller. The bride wore a gown of white satin with long train and finger tip veil and she carried a bouquet of gardenias and orange blossoms. The maid of honor wore a blue mousseline de sole trimmed with pink, carrying a bouquet of mixed flowers. The bridesmaids wore blue and pink chiffon respectively and carried a mixed flower bouquet. About 150 invited guests attended the reception which followed at the church and afterward a luncheon was served at the home of the groom's parents. The young couple left on an unannounced wedding trip and the bride wore a traveling dress of blue crepe with blue and white accessories. Upon their return they will make their home on Maple Street in Northfield.

Church Women To Meet

The Church Women of the Congregational church will hold their annual meeting May 25th at 7. Organ and piano recital at 7:45. Mrs. Taylor, pianist and Mr. Dahl, organist. At 8 the speaker, Hilda L. Ives, D.D., president of the New England Town and County Church Commission. Mrs. Ives is also head of the Rural church at Andover Newton Theological school, is an ordained Congregational minister, was a delegate to the International Missionary Council at Madras, India in 1938, and is a mother of five and grandmother of eleven. The meeting promises to be a very interesting one and the general public are cordially invited.

Mrs. Wayne B. Wells, president of the Church Women, will preside. Refreshments will be served.

Mrs. George Sheldon President Fortnightly Other Officers Chosen

The annual meeting of the Fortnightly club was the final meeting of the season for that organization and was held Friday afternoon, April 28 at Alexander Hall. The session was called to order by its president, Mrs. Paul Mayberry, who called for the secretary's and treasurer's reports of the activities for the past year. Communications were read from Mrs. Edith French, president of the State Federation who was the guest at the recent luncheon of the club. She extended her appreciation of the welcome accorded her. The War Relief Committee thanked the club for its work and cooperation. The nominating committee, consisting of Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed, Mrs. Orville Mirtz and Mrs. George Thompson, brought in their recommendations for officers and other officials of the club and the report was accepted and the vote of election was cast by the secretary. The roster of the newly chosen is as follows: President, Mrs. George Sheldon; first vice-president, Mrs. George W. Carr; second vice-president, Mrs. Roger Greenwood; recording secretary, Mrs. Orville Mirtz; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Stanley Bistrek; treasurer, Mrs. Albert Anderson; auditor, Mrs. Allen H. Wright. To fill vacancies as directors, Mrs. Winifred Whitaker, Mrs. Paul Mayberry, Mrs. Charles L. Johnson, Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed. On program committee, Mrs. George Pefferle, Miss Mary Dalton, Mrs. Louis Van Phelan. On music committee, Mrs. Leon Russell, Mrs. J. Glover Johnson, Mrs. Nelson Spring, Mrs. Malcolm Billings. Following the business of the day, an entertainment program was offered consisting of vocal selections by Irving J. Lawrence who was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Robert N. Taylor. There was a piano duet by Mrs. Taylor and Miss Anne Livingston and Mrs. George Carr presented several readings. The efforts of the artists were greatly appreciated and loudly applauded. Refreshments were served by the hostesses, who were Mrs. William D. Miller, Mrs. Frank Evans and Miss Amelia Hausman.

At the recent annual meeting of the Franklin county Board of Fire Underwriters held in Greenfield, Joseph R. Colton of this town was elected a member of its Board of Directors for the ensuing year.

The tax rate for the town of Rowe will be \$32, the same as last year, according to the assessors' announcement.

Gordon Moody Honored Chosen Vice-President State Hotel Group

The manager of the Northfield Hotel, our own A. Gordon Moody, has been elected vice-president of the Massachusetts Hotel Association at its recent annual session held in Boston. The choice was unanimous and is a recognition of Mr. Moody's ability and success in the operation of a large hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Moody attended the gathering and the exposition and the election came as a complete surprise. His management of the local hotel has been efficient and notwithstanding the war period he

High School Principal Roland Currier Resigns To Teach In Vermont

Roland E. Currier, who has been Principal of the local High school for the past two years, has resigned his position effective July 1st and has accepted the principalship of a consolidated Junior-Senior High school in northern Vermont, to begin work with the opening of schools early in September. During the summer months, Mr. Currier will study at Boston University for credits toward the degree of Ph.D. Mr. and Mrs. Currier will continue their residence here until the last of August when the family

Was Given A Farewell Many Attend Reception Mr. Dahl Takes Leave

Members of the Congregational church, which he has served for the past two years and many friends in the community, attended the farewell reception given to the Rev. Edward C. Dahl on Tuesday evening, May 2nd at the church. Mr. Dahl was assisted in receiving by officials of the church and in the receiving line were Dr. Edward Fairbanks, Clifford A. Field, Mrs. Frances Walker, Mr. and Mrs. George McEwan and Irving J. Lawrence. The large room was appropriately decorated with



plants and flowers and refreshments were served by a committee of women of the church, which included Mrs. George W. Carr and Mrs. William Shattuck. During the evening a program of music, directed by Miss Sophie Servaes was rendered and included trombone solos by Neil Churchill accompanied at the piano by Miss Betty Phelps. Mr. McEwan in behalf of many friends presented Mr. Dahl with a beautiful brief case and a purse. Mr. Dahl moves to Brattleboro where he will begin a ministry with the Center Congregational church. His farewell sermon was delivered on Sunday, May 7th when a large congregation greeted him and heard his gospel message and his appreciation of the splendid cooperation he had received from all during his pastorate here.

will take up their home in Vermont. Before coming to Northfield, Mr. Currier was headmaster of the Wilton, N. H. high school, where he also taught mathematics and history during his term of four years. He had also served Dow Academy at Franconia, N. H. and the North Stratford, N. H. high school. He began teaching in 1927 after his graduation from Bates college in 1926, where he attained a Bachelor of Science degree. He received his Master degree from the University of Maine where he also studied in a summer course and followed with a summer course at Columbia. Northfield will lose an able and a competent educator, a teacher devoted to his work and its responsibilities. Friends will follow with interest his future success and the Press, through the editor desires to express its appreciation of many courtesies and to congratulate him on the splendid opportunity awaiting him.

Miss Ruth Rikert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Rikert of this town, who is attending Skidmore college, has been selected as a member of the Sophomore Guard of Honor at the commencement on Sunday, May 21.

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TOWN TOPICS

After nearly ten years of faithful service as janitor of the High and Center schools of this town, Donald Finch has resigned to accept work with the Millers Falls Tool Co. effective May 15. The resignation causes real regret among our citizens.

Members of the local Garden Club were guests of the Grange Tuesday evening to hear a talk on Victory Gardens by Mr. Ross of the State Extension service.

Nearly two hundred people attended the supper and dance of the Fish and Game Association at the Town Hall Monday evening. It was a decided success in every way and all enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Music week was observed by the pupils of Center school with a program at the Town Hall Tuesday afternoon under the direction of Mrs. Goodspeed, the director of music.

This Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the Town Hall, the annual Junior "prom" of the High school will be given with music by the Rhythm Makers orchestra of Greenfield. The usual movie show given on Friday evenings has been cancelled for tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Holton of Highland avenue are on a visit to their son, Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Holton and family in Atlanta, Ga. Their son is a teacher at Georgia Tech and has large classes in war training.

Mrs. E. L. McIntire and Miss M. I. Livingston have left Daytona, Florida, where they have spent the winter and will reach Northfield soon to reopen their cottage on the Ridge.

Dr. Richard G. Holton, who has been away from his office in the Bookstore building for the past two weeks because of illness, has returned to his work much improved in health.

Rev. Edward C. Dahl said goodbye to many friends on Tuesday as he left for his home at New Haven, Conn., to spend a few days with his parents. He goes to Brattleboro the last of the week and will preach his first sermon there on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Powell have been in Boston this week, where Mr. Powell is busy in planning his work in connection with the coming Fifth War Loan drive.

Mrs. William F. Hoehn left last Tuesday to spend several weeks with her sisters and relatives in New Jersey at Madison and Morristown. Her sister Miss Ethel V. Lawrence will return with her to reopen her cottage in Mountain Park.

Vincent W. Barnes of San Jose, Calif., son of Rev. Wade H. Barnes of Stockton, Calif. and a nephew

of Mrs. Louise Barnes LaBella of this town, has accepted the post of head technician in the laboratory of the new hospital at Vallejo, Cal., resigning similar work in the hospital at San Jose. He is a former resident here and well known to many.

Miss Adeline O'Neil, teacher at the high school, expects to attend the Spanish school summer session at Middlebury college this summer.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Emile A. Paradis of this town at the Franklin county hospital on Thursday, April 27, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Bolton of West Northfield and Mr. and Mrs. William Paradis of Lewiston, Maine. The little girl was named Anne Marjorie. Mrs. Paradis was the former June Bolton.

J. Lee Bolton of the firm of Leavis and Bolton, recently visited his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bolton at Silver Springs, Md. He spent several days there and saw much of Washington.

Miss Fanny C. Hatch, who has spent the winter at St. Petersburg, Florida, is returning to Springfield for a short stay at the Oaks Hotel and later in June will go to Canada, in the province of Quebec to spend the summer.

Mr. Charles H. Webster is making a fine improvement after her recent illness and is now greeting friends.

Mrs. Frank H. Montague, who has been confined to her home with an injured knee sustained in a fall, is making considerable improvement and hopes soon to be about again.

Mrs. Charles L. Johnson has returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Harold Young and family of Springfield.

Mrs. Paul Mayberry of Main Street has been on a visit with her friend, Mrs. Dunning Simons of Greenwich, Conn., who was a former resident here.

Sunday is May 14th and is designated as Mothers Day. It should be appropriately observed by all in honored remembrance.

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Eastern Star Meeting
Has An Initiation

There was a well attended meeting of the local Chapter order to the Eastern Star on Tuesday evening, May 2 in the Masonic Hall when guests were present from Montague, Woburn, Brattleboro, Vt., and Allston, N. H. Miss Clarice Carpenter of the Northfield seminary joined the local chapter from Overton chapter of Overton, Neb., by affiliation. Mrs. Leon Whitmore of East Northfield attended by Mrs. Allen H. Wright joined by initiation. Mrs. Ruth Field, soloist, sang several selections, and Mrs. Forest Hewitt led in the general singing. Decorations used were of greens and pink flowers arranged by Mrs. Francis Reed. Refreshments were served by a committee in charge of Mrs. Charles Streeter.

George E. Nye Passes

George E. Nye of Peterborough, N. H., had just returned from spending the winter in St. Petersburg, Florida accompanied with his niece, Miss Nellie R. Nye, and suffering a heart attack, died at her home here on Friday, April 28th at the age of 82 years. He had planned to spend the summer here. He was born in Northfield April 27th, 1862, the son of Marshall and Myra Jane Ellis Nye. He had lived in Peterborough for many years, but since the death of his wife in 1939, had spent much of his time at the home of his niece here and in Florida during the winter season. He is survived by two brothers, Thomas Nye and Henry Nye, both of Holyoke; a sister, Mrs. Loraine J. Smead of

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